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3. BLOCK-PRINTED LENGTH OF CLOTH

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Thick cotton tabby. Pattern: Sabbah. The resists and iron black were block printed; alizarin red was applied twice in a dye bath.

The block-printed pattern was designed as little bouquets consisting of three stems with flowerheads surrounded by an underlying line ornament that was overdyed. The flowers are oriented horizontally (along the weft), indicating that the fabric was intended for a skirt.